



Put In Your 2¢ Worth...
About 2¢ a drink yields \$44 million annually to reduce the impact of alcohol problems in Missouri.

Question:

It has been suggested that Missouri's state excise charges on beer compare favorably with those of other states in which Anheuser-Busch operates breweries. Is that true?

Answer:

As of July 1, 2004, all of the states in which Anheuser-Busch operates breweries have rates higher than Missouri's – in some cases substantially higher. Florida and Georgia have rates 8 times as high as Missouri's \$0.006 (six-tenths of one cent) per 12-ounces of beer. All of them do have rates that amount to less than 5¢ per drink.

LOCATIONS OF ANHEUSER-BUSCH BREWERIES
With state beer excise charges

<u>STATE</u>	<u>PER GALLON</u>	<u>PER DRINK</u>	<u>PER SIXPACK</u>
Jacksonville, FL	0.48	0.045	0.27
Cartersville, GA	0.48	0.045	0.27
Merrimack, NH	0.30	0.028	0.17
Williamsburg, VA	0.26	0.024	0.14
Los Angeles, CA	0.20	0.019	0.11
Fairfield, CA	0.20	0.019	0.11
Houston, TX	0.19	0.018	0.11
Columbus, OH	0.18	0.017	0.10
Baldwinsville, NY	0.135	0.013	0.08
Newark, NJ	0.12	0.011	0.07
Fort Collins, CO	0.08	0.008	0.05
St. Louis, MO	0.06	0.006	0.04

Source: Federation of Tax Administrators

MISSOURI ALCOHOL IMPACT FACT #4

If Missouri excise charges on beer were the same as those of Florida and Georgia, the state treasury would receive about \$66,600,000 per year. The actual amount collected by the state for the privilege of selling 135,851,000 gallons of beer in FY2004 was \$8,331,103. Since Anheuser-Busch Cos. has an approximate beer market share of 50% (perhaps higher in Missouri), its share of the revenue collected would be about \$4 million per year. This only pertains to the state excise charges, not sales or other taxes which are collected on non-intoxicating as well as intoxicating products.

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